(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of steps Government propose to take to contain the situation out of creation of Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

(d) whether Government have taken into confidence non-Bodos before finalising any solution for the Bodos; and

(e) if so, give details and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The tripartite peace talks involving the representatives of the Central Government, the Government of Assam and the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) are continuing. The Government is committed to protect the democratic rights and the socio-economic interests of all sections of the society.

Division of assets between U.P. and Uttaranchal

†*234. SHRI BAL KAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assets have been divided between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government propose to announce it formally; -nd

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The division of assets and liabilities between the successor States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal is in progress. The Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000 sets out the procedure for the apportionment of assets and liabilities between the successor States. As a vast array of assets and liabilities are being apportioned at different points of time, there cannot, therefore, be any single formal announcement. The division of assets and liabilities takes place through mutual agreement between the successor States and in case of disagreement, references are to be made to the Central Government by either of the States for orders. The orders of the Central Government in such cases are binding on both the successor States.

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